

Residents invited to break fast

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For the first time in York Region, Muslims and their non-Muslim friends will join together for a special Iftar — a meal to break the Ramadan fast — Saturday in Richmond Hill.

More than 500 people, including members of the GIA Jewish and Mennonite communities, will be attending the outreach Iftar, said Zafar Bangash, director of the Institute of Contemporary Islamic Thought.

"It's the first time we are opening our doors to friends from other faith communities during the month of Ramadan and we're happy people have responded in such a positive way," Mr. Bangash said.

"It's an opportunity for Muslims to invite their friends, co-workers and neighbours to experience the fellowship of Ramadan.

The event, which is co-sponsored by the Canadian Islamic Congress, takes place at the Islamic Centre of York Region, 1380 Stouffville Rd. in Richmond Hill. It begins at 5 p.m., with the Iftar meal being served exactly at sunset.

"Non-Muslims will be welcome to take food and drink, but we expect they will wait until we break our fast about quarter past six," Mr. Bangash said.

Tickets are available free at the Islamic centre by calling 905-887-8913 or 905-887-1119.

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